

**MISSION HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**
PRESIDENT: Brad Klimovitch
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Minutes of the
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 7, 2014**

at the LAPD Mission Area Police Station, Timothy M. Falco Community Room
11121 Sepulveda Boulevard, Mission Hills, CA 91345

1. Call to Order/Introductions

President Brad Klimovitch introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kennedy High School students.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Nine of the 12 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jose Arevalo, Maribel Carrillo, Richard Flores, Raymond Garcia, Mooshy Ghassedi, Tom Johnson, Brad Klimovitch, Jesse Martinez, Clint Scott. Board Members Borzou Rahimi and Richard Tocher arrived later. One Board Member was absent: Guillermo Salamanca (excused). The MHNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Mission-Hills-NC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Twelve of the 14 Board Seats were filled. Two Board Seats were vacant: At Large and Youth. Also attending: 30 Stakeholders and Guests.

4. Approval of Board Minutes June 11, 2014 Meeting.

MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Arevalo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 11, 2014 Joint Board of Governors and Budget and Finance Committee Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll vote of all nine Board Members present.

5. Report from LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Basic Car 19A43.

Mr. Klimovitch reported that Philip Ruiz, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer (mobile/text 818-634-0519; office 818-838-9843; 31524@LAPD.LACity.org;

http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station), was unable to be present and there was no report.

6. Executive Officer Report.

Mr. Klimovitch expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve Mission Hills.

7. Motion by Brad Klimovitch[see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Garcia): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints Board Member Jesse Martinez to be its acting President to succeed Brad Klimovitch, who is resigning.

Board Member Richard Tocher arrived at this time, making 10 Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

DISCUSSION: Stakeholders expressed support for Mr. Martinez, who described his goal to serve Mission Hills.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll vote of all ten Board Members present.

8. Passing the Gavel Ceremony and Presentation: Brad Klimovitch and Jesse Martinez. Mr. Martinez presented and read aloud a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Klimovitch. L.A. City District Seven Councilman Felipe Fuentes (818-485-0600; Felipe.Fuentes@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>) “recognized” Mr. Klimovitch’s “leadership” and, along with Franklin Ochoa, Field Representative for Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra (818-504-3911; Franklin.Ochoa@asm.ca.gov; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>) and the Office of Congressman Tony Cardenas (818-504-0090; <http://cardenas.house.gov>) gave Mr. Klimovitch more Certificates.

9. Reports/announcements from Public Officials, Community Representatives.

Councilman Fuentes thanked the MHNC for its help educating Stakeholders that fireworks are illegal in Los Angeles. He described upcoming free Movie Nights at an “outside movie theater” at Pacoima City Hall. In November the “Discovery Science Center” will open where the Children’s Museum was on Foothill Blvd. He described efforts to provide services for and enforce laws about homeless people.

10. Briefing on Committee activities.

Outreach: Jose Arevalo

Mr. Arevalo reported that the Committee will meet July 23rd.

Zoning and Land Use: Ray Garcia & Borzou Rahimi

Mr. Garcia reported that a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) Application was filed for 9005 Sepulveda Blvd. Mr. Martinez reminded that the Bylaws require Committees to meet at least quarterly.

Public Safety: Betty Ley & Tom Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported that the next free Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will be Saturday, September 27th, 10:00-2:00 at Fire Station 87 [10124 Balboa Blvd., just

south of Devonshire St., Granada Hills]. There will be CPR classes, games, prizes and free food.

Beautification: Richard Tocher

Mr. Tocher reported that the Committee will meet July 25th and on 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights, as can other Committees, at Chapel of the Cross [10000 Sepulveda Blvd.].

11. Briefing on Budget & Finance and other operational/administrative matters.

Approve MHNC May and June expenditure report. Explain new Fiscal Year Budget July 2014 through June 2015. Jesse Martinez & Maribel Carrillo

Copies were distributed of the "Monthly Expenditure Report for: June," the "[MHNC] Budget for Fiscal Year July 2013-June 2014" and the MHNC "Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Approved on June 11, 2014." Ms. Carrillo reviewed recent expenses. The balance is \$8,013.41. Mr. Martinez reminded that \$37,000 in funding will be available as of July 1st for the new Fiscal Year [ending June 30, 2015].

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carrillo, seconded by Mr. Johnson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its June 2014 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Klimovitch, Martinez, Scott, Tocher).

Mr. Johnson explained the proposed 2014-2015 Budget; specific allocations, events and adjustments can be made and added throughout the year.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tocher): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council accepts its proposed 2014-2015 Budget as submitted.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Klimovitch, Martinez, Scott, Tocher).

New Business

12. Presentation by Empower LA Commissioner Lydia Grant on the President's Volunteer Service Award Program.

Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner [213.978.1551; Lydia.Grant@LACity.org; Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org], encouraged contacting her with questions and reported on the new Agenda posting policy, Neighborhood Council (NC) website considerations and Community Impact Statements. The Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be September 20th for all Board Members and Stakeholders; she described workshops. She distributed copies of information about the President's Volunteer Service Award Program, "a great way" for NC's to recruit, outreach to and work with volunteers, and demonstrate to the City the value of NC's.

13. **Motion** for reconsideration by Jesse Martinez for the MHNC to adopt the President's Volunteer Service Award Program.

MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Klimovitch): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will become a certified organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award Program.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Klimovitch, Martinez, Scott, Tocher).

Ms. Grant encouraged entering the Neighborhood Council Awards opportunity.

14. **Motion** Presentation by Wayne Adelstein from the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Martinez reported that Mr. Adelstein was unable to attend; it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

Old Business

15. **Presentation** by David Downs from Complete Wireless on the proposed Verizon Cell Phone Tower located at 14800 Devonshire St. Mission Hills.

Mr. Downs distributed copies of information and presented. He said Verizon believes this location is "the least intrusive" of available locations in the area. Mr. Garcia described distributing fliers to "about a hundred homes near and" about this project. Mr. Downs said the tower would be varying heights "up to 60 feet." The Application is on file and viewable with the City, including a study indicating the tower will emit radiation "at around two percent of the allowable level."

16. **Motion** for reconsideration by Brad Klimovitch [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Scott): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council supports the Conditional Use Permit Application for the Complete Wireless proposed Verizon Cell Phone Tower located at 14800 Devonshire St. Mission Hills.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with six in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Arevalo, Garcia, Ghassedi, Klimovitch, Scott, Tocher); one opposed ("No" or "Nay") (Martinez); three abstained (Carrillo, Flores and Johnson).

17. **Motion** by Brad Klimovitch [see the below Motion].

Mr. Klimovitch explained the need for the Motion.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Arevalo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints Treasurer Maribel Carrillo as the first signor for the MHNC financial transactions, i.e., Demand warrants and checking account and debit card holder.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Martinez will remain the debit card holder.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Klimovitch, Martinez, Scott, Tocher).

18. Motion by Brad Klimovitch [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints President Jesse Martinez as the second signor for the MHNC financial transactions, i.e., Demand Warrants and checking account.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Klimovitch, Martinez, Scott, Tocher).

19. Motion for consideration by Brad Klimovitch [see the below Motion].

Stakeholder Debra Dalton described the 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. August 5th event at Brand Park. She said “we’re partnering with some of the other” neighborhoods. Contact DebraLDalton@yahoo.com to volunteer. There will be food. The MHNC can have a booth and speak to the audience.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Carillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council allocates \$750.00 from the MHNC Budget Line item 37 Category 200 Outreach to support The National Night Out Event on Tuesday August 5, 2014.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Klimovitch, Martinez, Scott, Tocher).

20. Motion for consideration by Tom Johnson [see the below Motion].

Mr. Johnson described event activities and listed other Neighborhood Councils supporting the event. Funding would be used to purchase Earthquake Preparedness Kits to be distributed for free to the first 500 attendees.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tocher): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council allocates \$750.00 from the MHNC Budget Line item 41 Category 200 Outreach to support The Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair September 27, 2014.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Klimovitch, Martinez, Scott, Tocher).

21. Motion for consideration by Richard Tocher [see the below Motion]. The walkway entrance is across the way from the Bear Pit off Sepulveda, is about 1/4 mile long, and plagued with graffiti and trash.

Mr. Tocher indicated the Beautification Committee will work with other groups, possibly including Graffiti Busters, on the event. Funding would be used for refreshments for volunteers. Ruben Zaragoza, Senior Area Director for L.A. City District Seven Councilman Felipe Fuentes (office 818- 485-0600;

Ruben.Zaragoza@LACity.org), said “our Office will be happy to assist . . . including to coordinate the pickup of the trash bags.”

Board Member Borzou Rahimi arrived at this time, making 11 Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Tocher, seconded by Mr. Flores): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council allocates \$300.00 from the MHNC Budget Line Item 54 Community Improvement Projects to fund a community cleanup event of the walkway between Sepulveda Blvd. and Columbus Ave. on Saturday July 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Klimovitch, Martinez, Rahimi, Scott, Tocher).

22. Housekeeping/Council Business.

Mr. Martinez will be creating the Board Meeting Agendas; he encouraged emailing Agenda ideas to him at least five days before Meetings.

23. General Public Comments

Kennedy High School students requested and received many fundraising ideas. Stakeholder Pamela Goldfinger encouraged the Beautification Committee to outreach for Stakeholder input about a possible Mission Hills beautification slogan. David Gonzalez, Field Representative for Monica Ratliff, L.A. Unified School District Six Board Member (213-241-6388;David.Gonzalez3@lausd.net), encouraged feedback and reported that the School Board recently passed “the first budget in seven years that does not include any funding cuts.”

24. Adjournment

MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Garcia): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

MOTION PASSED without any objection.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.